

Application No. 10/753,728
Attorney Docket No. 133538 (GECZ 2 00695)
Response to Office Action dated April 17, 2007

REMARKS

Applicant has now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of April 17, 2007. In this response, Applicant amended selected claims and presents clarifying remarks believed to remedy the Examiner's rejections and place the claims in condition for allowance.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 7 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but was deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The indication of allowable subject matter is noted and appreciated.

II. Claim Rejections

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 11 and 13-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wakimizu (U.S. Patent No. 5,126,619).

Claims 1-4, 8, 10, 11 and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bergman (U.S. Patent No. 5,610,469).

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bergman in view of Michel (U.S. Patent No. 6,400,077).

Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 10 and 16 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter found in dependent claim 7. Particularly, each independent claim has been amended to include the limitation of the lamp including a lead-through foil electrically connecting one of the leads to the light source. The second plane defined by the pinched end is generally parallel with a third plane defined by the lead-through foil. It is therefore respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 10 and 16, and claims dependent or ultimately dependent thereon, distinguish patentably and unobviously over the references of record and are in condition for allowance. Claim 7 has been cancelled.

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CONCLUSION

All formal and informal matters have been addressed. For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

In the event the Examiner believes a telephone call would expedite prosecution, he is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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